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¶1. We informed the Libyan General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation (MFA equivalent) on October 6 via diplomatic note of the formal establishment of U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) as a unified combatant command effective October 1.

¶2. There has been no reporting or comment in the Libyan media on the establishment of AFRICOM. We will stay alert for significant public or private comment in the future.

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